(ii) Adequate weaponry and communication facilities are provided at these pickets with the nearest SF units entrusted with the task of area sanitization around the pocket.

(iii) Village Defence Committees (VDCs) have been established at far-flung areas inhabited by minority community members in Jammu province.

(iv) The Security Forces conduct frequent patrolling in the hinterland and areas inhabited by minority community members at these locations.

(v) Construction of clusters of residential houses at Sheikhpora Budgam, Mattan Anantnag and Kheer Bhawani Srinagar in Kashmir valley for secure stay of the members of minority community at these places.

Terrorist attacks

272., SHRI JANARDHANA P00JARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a terrorist attack recently in Ayodhya;

(b) whether the culprits/organizations behind the attack have been identified;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(d) whether terrorism has raised its ugly head again across the country posing serious threat to India's integrity and sovereignty and communal amity; and

(e) if so, what measures are contemplated to ensure that terrorism does not succeed in this country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) On 5.7.2005 at about 09.15 hours, 5 terrorists attacked the Ram Janam Bhoomi-Babri Masjid Complex at Ayodhya and resorted to heavy firing and launching of grenades on the security personnel comprising of Central Reserve Police Force and the Provincial Armed Constabulary, Uttar Pradesh. The security personnel retaliated promptly and effectively killing all the five terrorists. No terrorist group has claimed responsibility for the incident so far.

(d) and (e) The major concerns of the current internal security scenario in the country centre around terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, subversive activities of militant groups in the North-East and violence perpetrated by the naxalite groups in some States. The Central Government, has adopted a strategy to counter terrorism which gives primacy to dialogue, democratic pocesses and the rule of law. The approach is to deal with the menace of terrorism in a holistic manner on political, development and security fronts. Action is taken against the banned terrorist organizations wherever called for as per law. The Central Government has taken various steps such as strengthening of border management to check infiltration, gearing up of intelligence machinery, providing improved technology, weaponry and equipment for security forces, action as per law against terrorist and bilateral and multilateral cooperation to counter the activities of such terrorist outfits.

Natural calamities in Nagaland

273. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to unusual rain in Nagaland, properties/buildings/agriculture crops/roads were badly damaged during the year 2004;

(b) if so, whether any sanction has been accorded to compensate the damage caused by such natural calamities; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the existing scheme of financing relief expenditure, the concerned State Government is required to undertake relief and rehabilitation measures in the areas affected by natural calamities, including calamities caused by heavy rains, out of the corpus of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF). The CRF is contributed by the Government of India and the State Government in the ratio of 3:1.

In case, the calamity is of a severe nature and funds available in the State CRF account are not sufficient for meeting the expenditure on relief and rehabilitation, additional financial assistance is provided to the States